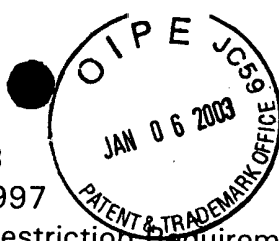


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PLEASE AMEND THE ABOVE-IDENTIFIED APPLICATION AS FOLLOWS:

In The Claims:

Enter replacement claims 252, 257, 273, 276, 277 and 290 as follows:

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252. (Amended) The composition of claim 247, wherein said nucleic acid component is selected from the group consisting of a nucleic acid, a nucleic acid construct, a nucleic acid conjugate, a virus, a viral fragment, a viral vector, a viroid, a phage, a plasmid, a plasmid vector, a bacterial fragment and a combination of the foregoing.

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257. (Amended) The composition of claim 303, wherein said specific binding is mediated by a ligand binding receptor.

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273. (Amended) The composition of claim 267, wherein said nucleic acid component is selected from the group consisting of a nucleic acid, a nucleic acid construct, a nucleic acid conjugate, a virus, a viral fragment, a viral vector, a viroid, a phage, a plasmid, a plasmid vector, a bacterial fragment and a combination of the foregoing.

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276. (Amended) The composition of claim 267, wherein said domains are attached noncovalently through specific binding.

277. (Amended) The composition of claim 276, wherein said specific binding is mediated by a ligand binding receptor.

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290. (Amended) The composition of claim 286, wherein said nucleic acid component is selected from the group consisting of a nucleic acid, a nucleic acid construct, a nucleic acid conjugate, a virus, a viral fragment, a viral vector, a viroid, a phage, a plasmid, a plasmid vector, a bacterial fragment and a combination of the foregoing.

Please add new claim 303 as follows.

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-- 303. (NEW) The composition of claim 247, wherein said domains are attached noncovalently through specific binding. --

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